

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently amended) A pattern carrier for a flask molding machine comprising

a mount on which [[the]] a pattern plate is mounted and
a flask-shaped, molding flask-removing frame adapted to make contact with a
lower end of a molding flask of a flask molding machine and frame disposed movably
moveable up and down around said pattern plate for removing a finished mold.

10. (Currently amended) [[A]] The pattern carrier for a flask molding
machine of claim 9, wherein said flask-shaped, molding flask-removing frame that is
disposed movably moved up and down is slid up and down by actuators built [[in]] into
said pattern carrier or by a device for replacing the pattern plate.

11. (Currently amended) A pattern carrier ~~consisting of~~ comprising a
mount on which a pattern plate is mounted, a flask-shaped frame disposed movably up
and down around said pattern plate for removing a finished mold, a plurality of guide
pins for moving said flask-shaped frame up in a parallel manner, and a plurality of
actuators mounted on a molding base, wherein the pattern carrier being characterized
in that said actuators pass through a space in said pattern carrier so as to [[have]]
move said plurality of guide pins [[move]] up and down and are mounted so as to have
their ends not touch [[the]] a lower surface of the pattern carrier [[at]] in their most
contracted states.

12. (Currently amended) [[A]] The pattern carrier of claim 10 or 11, wherein said actuators are cylinders operated by an operating fluid.

13. (Currently amended) [[A]] The pattern carrier of claim 10 or 11, wherein said actuators are electric cylinders.

14. (Currently amended) A pattern plate carrier for carrying a pattern plate, wherein the pattern plate carrier has an auxiliary flask on which a pattern plate is mounted ~~moveably~~ moveable up and down, comprising
a plurality of upward moveable cylinders mounted on said pattern plate carrier to move said auxiliary flask,
at least two special oil cylinders mounted on said pattern plate carrier for supplying a fluid with the upward cylinders by being alternately contracted, and
at least two cylinders disposed separately outside said pattern plate carrier, and constituted such that the mutual expansion of said at least two cylinders causes said respective special oil cylinders to alternately contact.

15-17. (Cancelled).